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SUBJECT: Sino-US Talks: Liaison Meeting June 20

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1. CH'IEN with YEH received SIMONS at Chinese Embassy
1000 June 20.

2. Ch'ien read following statement: QUOTE I am
instructed by Mr. Charge d'Affaires to notify you of
the following. In view of the current situation, of
which both sides are well aware, the Chinese Government
deems it unsuitable to discuss and decide upon a date
for the next meeting of the Sino-US ambassadorial talks
at present. As to when it will be suitable for the
meeting to be held in the future, it can be discussed by
the liaison personnel of the two sides at an appropriate
time. Our side will release news about this. END QUOTE

3. In view non-polemical tone Chinese statement, Simons

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confined himself to following brief statement which both Chinese took down. QUOTE I am authorized to say that we regret this. We believe that the interests of both the People's Republic of China and the United States would be served by an early resumption of substantive exchanges at the ambassadorial level. END QUOTE

4. Ch'ien responded that all he could do was repeat his original statement which had already been noted. By mutual agreement he refrained from doing so.

5. Ten-minute meeting was cordial, with tea and small talk about weather and Poznan Fair. Ch'ien confirmed that Charge is in Warsaw.

6. Comment. On May 18 pattern Chinese are likely release account of meeting embodying substance their statement.
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Suggest/Department statement make clear that liaison meeting held at Chinese initiative.

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